Faculty Spotlight: Silke Zoller, Ph.D.

Silke Zoller is an Assistant Professor of History. She holds a M.A. in History from Tuebingen University in Germany, as well as a Ph.D. in History from Temple University. In addition, she has held 2 doctoral fellowships at research centers on national security and international understanding.

At KSU, Silke teaches courses on the history of terrorism, the U.S. military, war, international relations and the recent past.

As a German native who has lived in the U.S. for many years, she is fascinated in how states and people collaborate with one another to stop violent actors from crossing international boundaries. Her research focuses on counterterrorism across national borders, and her most recent book on the subject is: *To Deter and Punish: International Collaboration Against Terrorism in the 1970s* (Columbia University Press, [http://cup.columbia.edu/book/to-deter-and-punish/9780231195478](http://cup.columbia.edu/book/to-deter-and-punish/9780231195478))

In her free time, Silke enjoys baking and playing strategy-focused video games.

Faculty Highlights

**Michael Rast, Ph.D. (Assistant Professor of History)**

Rast’s article, *Who Speaks for Ulster?: Similarities between Elections in Derry 1913 and Northern Ireland 1922*, was recently published in the academic magazine *History Ireland*.

The article covers how the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) lost three seats in 2022’s election, forcing it into second place, as well as the DUP's interpretation of the Northern Ireland Protocol in the Brexit Withdrawal Agreement between the United Kingdom and the European Union.
A digital copy of the article is available through the library.

**Charles Perrin, Ph.D. (Part-Time Assistant Professor of History)**

In 2021, Perrin was awarded an Emerging Scholar Grant by the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies (AABS), which would be used to conduct research in Europe about the deportation, internment, and repatriation of East Prussian civilians during World War I.

This past summer, after a one-year delay because of the Covid-19 pandemic, Perrin was finally able to conduct his proposed research. He visited seven libraries and archives in Germany, Lithuania and Sweden. You can read his report about this research trip on the website of the AABS: [https://aabs-balticstudies.org/2022/09/06/charles-perrin-emerging-scholars-grant-report/](https://aabs-balticstudies.org/2022/09/06/charles-perrin-emerging-scholars-grant-report/).

**Jennifer Dickey, Ph.D. (History Program Coordinator & Professor of History)**

Dickey is currently working on a book on the history of Georgia's state historic sites. The *tentative* title is: *There's Lots to See in Georgia: A History of Georgia's State Historic Sites*. The students in her Research Seminar will also be contributing essays on the topic to the book. More details to come.

**Student Highlights**

**Camilla Stegall-History Major**

Congratulations to Camilla on her acceptance into the University of Illinois' Library Science M.A. program this Fall! In addition, Camilla has also contributed a series of blog posts called “Cooking with Rare Books” for the Bentley Rare Book Museum’s Blog. Here are links to the posts:

- “Stretching Food during WWI”
  [https://rarebooks.kennesaw.edu/blog/posts/stegall-foods-that-will-win-the-war-part-one.php](https://rarebooks.kennesaw.edu/blog/posts/stegall-foods-that-will-win-the-war-part-one.php)

- “The Edna Lewis Cookbook”
  [https://rarebooks.kennesaw.edu/blog/posts/stegall-edna-lewis-cookbook-post-one.php](https://rarebooks.kennesaw.edu/blog/posts/stegall-edna-lewis-cookbook-post-one.php)

- “Holiday Recipes from the White Turkey Inn”
  [https://rarebooks.kennesaw.edu/blog/posts/lets-talk-turkey-blog-post.php](https://rarebooks.kennesaw.edu/blog/posts/lets-talk-turkey-blog-post.php)

- Gervase Markham's "The English Housewife"

**James Sweet-History Ed Major**

Congratulations to James, who was named to the Governor's Internship Program!
Katie Kojali-International Affairs and History Double-Major & History Club President

Congratulations to Katie, who received the Ann W. Ellis Pullen Award for Outstanding Research Seminar Paper in History!

Student Orgs News & Upcoming Events

Philosophy Student Association

On September 9th, the Philosophy Student Association hosted a workshop on Pramāṇavāda. During that workshop, Amy Donahue introduced the framework of Pramāṇavāda, which is an Indian tradition of pluralistic reasoning and debate. Students then utilized that framework to engage in a debate about the legal status of abortion.

Remaining P.S.A. Meetings This Semester:

October 4th
October 10th
October 18th
October 24th
October 31st
November 1st
November 7th
November 15th
November 29th
December 5th

**Upcoming Events**

**October 9th**: The High Museum

**October 27th**: Guest Speaker-Dr. Rohan Sikri
Dr. Rohan Sikri is an Assistant Professor of Classical Chinese Philosophy, Ancient Greek Philosophy and Continental Philosophy at UGA.
Dr. Sikri’s presentation will be based on his paper, *Forgetting: An Alternative Path to the Good Life*, which explores the consequences of discarding the skill of bu wang ("not forgetting") as a technique of self-cultivation. He also articulates some core features of the method of forgetting as a path towards epistemic and spiritual illumination, through the lens of early Daoist principles.
More about Dr. Sikri and his research can be found here:
https://www.phil.uga.edu/directory/people/rohan-sikri

Students interested in learning more about the P.S.A. can reach out to the P.S.A.’s President:
Jade Flack (jflack1@students.kennesaw.edu).

**History Club**

This semester alone, the History Club has added over 100 new members to their official roster, which has resulted in the club having members from every college on both campuses. Also, membership at meetings has increased over 3x this semester.

**Remaining Meetings This Semester**

October 5th
October 19th
November 2nd
November 16th
November 30th

**Upcoming Events**

**October 8th**: Kennesaw Mountain Hike
**October 22nd**: Shakespeare’s Tavern
**October 28th**: Oakland Cemetery
**November 12th**: Fernbank Museum of Natural History
**November 20th**: ATL Civil Rights Museum
December 3rd: ATL History Center

Students interested in learning more about the History Club can reach out to the History Club's President: Katie Kojali (kkojali@students.kennesaw.edu).

Department News & Upcoming Events

News

HIED saw a 20% increase in its Senior cohort for the upcoming year, and a 44% increase in its Junior cohort.

Upcoming Department Events

Third Thursday Brown Bags

Brown Bags are informal meetings, where faculty members present their current or recent research with their colleagues. They are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month, from about 12:30pm-1:30pm.

Fall ‘22 Brown Bags Presenters include:

- Al Churella: October 20th
- Katya Vladimirov: November 17th

To be featured in the next issue of The Chronicle, please reach out to Briana Bonds (bbonds1@kennesaw.edu).